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A good selection of fresh groceries, also carry some clothing and dry goods.

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All kinds of legal business transacted. Deeded and school lands for sale. Money to loan in sums to suit the borrower. Correspondence solicited.

Office opposite Commercial Hotel, COLBY, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS.

For Sale.

A Pony, Saddle and Bridle for \$45. Apply at this office.

STRAYED.

One bay yearling colt, with crooked left front knee. Taken up on section 17, town 8, range 31, by JOHN H. ATKINSON.

For Sale or Trade.

Two work horses and a two year old mare for sale, or trade for cows or young horses. Apply to John Deane, three miles north east of Colby.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Checks, Drafts, etc., will not be received at this office in payment for 30 days after the date of the notice. All communications must be accompanied by the money. Very Respectfully,  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS.

### GROUND FEED.

J. R. McHugh

BUYS AND SELLS GRAIN.

Feed of all kinds for sale.

I have a large wind mill,

and Can Supply

The Whole Settlement.

Colby, Kansas.

To lay off an acre of land, measure two hundred and nine feet for each side of your square, and it will contain an acre within an inch.

Mr. C. I. Payne, familiarly called by all, Oberlin, Kansas, has fitted up in most shape the Dr. Edwards building as a restaurant and is now engaged in the laudable business of feeding a hungry public. His wife is a first class cook and everything comes to the table in first class condition. The baked potatoes, the juicy and delicious beef steak, the steamed corn chicken, the string beans, the sweet new corn, the snow white licorice, the sweet butter, the tempting pies, custards and puddings, which are served up at "Commodore's Restaurant" is inviting to the traveler or sojourner. You will find the Commodore affable and attentive to his guests.

M. D. Lessenger started Thursday morning for his new home in Colby, Kansas. He will open a law office there, and those intrusting their business to him will be well taken care of. Mark is an honest, capable and upright young attorney, and we predict for him success in his new location. Like nearly all others in that country, he has secured a good office of lands, which alone will make him independent in a few years. His family will remain here this summer and follow him this fall season. Volentine Jaggar accompanied him and will also locate out there some place. We are sorry to lose the boys, but what is our loss is the gain of two good citizens for Kansas.—Times Tribune.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. H. Lawhead, came up to Oberlin last Saturday, and we understand that thirty-three different parties who had intended to make proof of an 80-acre school land that was changed their minds and decided that they would not do so.

Dr. J. H. Lawhead, in a letter to the State Superintendent, said that they had decided that they would not do so.

THE CAT.

D. M. DUNN, Proprietor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1885.

This mark, X, on your paper means that your subscription has expired, and that you are respectfully requested to renew it. \$1.50 a year, 75 cents for 6 months or 50 cents for 3 months are our rates.

Job work done here.

All trains stop at Cleveland.

Thomas county is truly on a boom.

Old papers for sale at this office.

Five new houses going up this week in Colby.

Miss Annie Colby's school closed last Friday.

We now have daily communication with Oberlin.

J. L. Lewis is having a 30x40 house built on his lot.

Attend the old soldiers meeting Saturday, August 15.

R. Masters will build an addition to his hotel soon.

Don't kill the tame badge that boards at Master's hotel.

A daily mail from Cleveland to Colby what is needed.

Frank Pingree will locate you in Thomas or Sherman county.

The Commodore's Restaurant has opened out in good shape.

There is a smooth plain road leading from Colby to Cleveland.

Remember that Pingree sells more chickens than anyone.

The Spanish 40 acre piece of corn will yield 20 bushels to the acre.

A dandy yoke of oxen for sale or trade. Enquire of Frank Pingree.

Judge Madison's two sons and son-in-law are here improving their land.

Western Kansas is raising better crops this year than Eastern Kansas.

Prof. Geo. F. Burgett, of Millard, Neb., was a caller at this office last week.

If you want to sell your claim before or after it is decided, see Frank Pingree.

Frank Pingree is rolling up the sod on his claim, "Nig" and "Lane" form the motive power.

Jas. Stahon, Esq., an Atchison county man, and a man of ample means, resided largely in Colby last week.

Frank Thompson, Frank Pingree's friend, from Arapahoe, Neb., broke bread and slept with him last Friday night.

The Oberlin House is a good place to stop when you go to Oberlin. It is head quarters for Thomas county people.

The Cheyenne Indians are completely humiliated by the U. S. Troops. The Indians say they had no intention of fighting.

Property transfers are lively for the last few weeks. Town lots, school land and some deeded land, being the kind dealt in.

Try Cleveland Station. It is as near as Monument and has better facilities for freight and passengers.

All goods down to bed rock.

JOSEPH CORRETTE.

Grinnell, Kans.

H. Oles, of Carleton, Neb., who has reared the John Irwin farm, is making his arrangements to store a car load of potatoes, which he will have for sale in the spring.

Rollins Hockett and Dr. Wm. Harden, members of the central committee, were in town last week. Thos. Reed, F. S. See and J. B. McConigal are the other members.

We call attention to Lou A. Fisher's ad. He has a general merchandise store at Cleveland, 22 miles south on the railroad. See some of his prices.

A. H. Blair is one of W. A. Keeney's reliable attorneys and real estate men. Well versed in contents and all business pertaining to the land office. Parties will do well to give him a call.

Henry Knudsen keeps the Colby market supplied with new beets, new sweet corn, onions, potatoes, cucumbers, beans and "dick like," all the products of Thomas county. Can we raise vegetables? Oh yes.

Smith & Barstow is now the firm name of Frank Smith's hardware and tinware store. All kinds of hardware, stoves and barbs wire are kept by the new firm. First class men to deal with. Oberlin, Kansas.

The popular landlady of the Oberlin House and her daughter, accompanied by Art Allen and Gay Wooster were visitors in Colby last Friday. The party were well pleased with the prosperity of Thomas county and Colby.

Thomas county lands have an excellent reputation abroad as being smooth, rich, and cheap. All deeded lands and school lands are in quick demand. Colby town lots are sought after here lately more than ever before.

Miller & Kline, proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, will have a grand picnic on the grounds of their hotel on Saturday, August 15. The picnic will be a grand success. The hotel is a first class establishment. The hotel is a first class establishment. The hotel is a first class establishment.

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Lumber from \$22 to \$24 per thousand.

JOSEPH CORRETTE  
Grinnell, Kan.

Senes & Morton are doing a lively land business at Cleveland station, Gilmore P. O. Those gentlemen will locate you, make out your papers for filing and take charge of your contest cases.

A number of old soldiers desire a meeting to be called Saturday, August 15th, 1885, for the purpose of talking over the organization of a G. A. R. Post at Colby, and with a view of having a reunion some time in the future.

Gen. Grant is to be buried in River Side Park, New York City, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 1885. Great preparations have been made for the funeral. Gov. Martin, of Kansas, asks all the people of the State to observe the day.

A. B. Jarboe, Streator P. O., near Colby, and Thos. Reed of this county, Grinnell P. O., two old settlers, have formed a partnership in the real estate business. They are both located in the real estate business. They have children and school land for sale in Thomas county. Correspondence solicited.

A telegraphically mail from Colby to Grinnell is much needed and would pay the government. The telegraphically mail from Colby to Grinnell is much needed and would pay the government. The telegraphically mail from Colby to Grinnell is much needed and would pay the government.

Dr. A. L. Holbrook, of Ferraville, Sherman county, informs us that Gen. Coffey is building two houses in Ferraville. Other houses are in course of erection, and still others contemplated. Everything is prosperous and the government land is being taken up rapidly.

J. H. Baker & Sons, land attorneys, Waverly, Kansas, are men who are doing a good land business. Mr. Smith has retired and they have entire control of the business. Call and see them or write to Waverly if you have business with the land office.

Just received by Joseph Corrette, Grinnell, Kan., a car load of corn. Which he sells for 50 cents a bushel.

Mr. Deuelan orders his canned corn by the car load. He has but to enlarge his building to accommodate his increasing trade. This car load of canned corn comes from Clinton, Iowa, a brand that has a wide reputation as being the best in the market.

Plenty of water in the lawsons, ponds and lakes all over this northwestern country. The prospects for good crops are very favorable. Abundance of rain continues to fall and the new settlers' heart rejoices in the enjoyment of plenty of grass, green vegetables, millet, corn and wheat.

Peter Haddleston, of Monument, St. John county, Kansas, is prepared to locate parties either in St. John or Thomas county. Mr. Haddleston is an old settler, and is noted in the lay of the country.

Had.

R. Masters, of the Commercial House, and Jacob Alling are establishing a daily route from Colby to Oberlin. A hack will leave each town every morning. This will be of great advantage to Colby and we hope the enterprising parties will make it pay. Jake Alling carries the mail between Colby and Oberlin.

Messrs. Ennis and Neal, of Iowa, are in town looking the situation over. They say that Thomas county is a beautiful country.

The Colby Post Office has been officially moved from John W. Irwin's house, three miles south of here, to the town of Colby and A. J. Senter appointed Post Master. Mr. Senter has appointed Ed. J. Paine assistant Post Master. What Colby wanted was a post office and a post master. Colby town has both, and everybody ought to be satisfied.

SHERMANVILLE.—Barney McCloskey had ten cows stolen from his corral on the 22d. The cattle thieves were followed, their trail being very plain, to near Colby, Thomas county. The thieves are supposed to be parties whom the public would expect better things of.—Lawson Co. Democrat.

If there are cattle thieves in our midst they should be reported out.

Dr. Edwards reports a 20 acre field of buckwheat on R. B. Elliott's place that looks so tremendously well, and a very fine field of corn on A. H. Botter's farm. Mr. Elliott can boast of luscious sweet potato vines. All kinds of vegetables are doing extra well. Dr. Edwards reports. It is a matter of fact that the prospects for good crops are splendid while the plentiful and serious showers keep the earth amply moistened.

I have just received and have for sale two tons of fresh goods, that will be sold lower than the lowest, and in support of this we quote a few prices: 13 lbs light brown sugar, \$1.50, 50 lbs bacon, \$4.50; 150 test oil, 20 cents per gallon; 6 lbs Arbuckle coffee, 95 cents, salt and pepper, \$3.50. Beans & Chickens less than the

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the CAT for subscription will please settle up or the names will be stricken from the list. A paper in order to live must have paying subscribers and patrons.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

—The walls of several of the British war ships are constructed of paper.

—An electric arrangement for regulating furnaces has been invented by a Westfield (Mass.) individual.—Boston Post.

—The production of coal in Belgium in 1884 is provisionally put at 18,300,000 tons, against an ascertained production of 14,177,754 tons in 1883.

—It is claimed that the stature of race horses has increased an inch every twenty-five years, since 1700. The height of horses then was thirteen hands two inches and in 1870 it was fifteen hands two inches.—N. Y. Herald.

—Artificial cheese made of one part oleomargarine and two parts skimmed milk, mixed to the consistency of cream and subjected to the usual processes of manufacturing the genuine article, is the latest edible commodity exported by Germany to the world.—Cincinnati Price Current.

—Not content with crazy quilts, we are to be indicted with crazy cloth dresses. The material is cotton, with an odd mixture of colors and patterns, and is particularly invented for children, as it can not possibly show the dirt so plainly visible on the white frocks they have been forced for so long a time to wear.—Detroit Post.

—The Bangor (Me.) Commercial relates that a man in that section lately received several hundred dollars back pension. He has quite a large family and had been very poor. The first thing he did after receiving his money was to buy a trotting horse, a harness, wagon and the usual amount of boots, hoods and other horse trappings.

—The newest thing which electricity proposes is to steer vessels without any attention on the part of the man at the helm. The needle of an automatic compass, by opening and closing the circuit, keeps a ship on the course laid down without any intervention. All that is necessary is to set the compass, and the good ship makes a true line for port.—N. Y. Herald.

—The law of finding, says a writer, is this: The finder has a clear title against the world, except the owner. The proprietor of a coach, or a railroad car, or a shop has no right to demand the property found on his premises. Such proprietors may make regulations in regard to lost property which will bind their employees, but they can not bind the public.

—The decrease during the last ten years in the value of fashionable furniture is a striking economical phenomenon. More paint and less carving are possibly the chief causes of the change. Sighing swains are informed that the wooden portion of any matrimonial venture they may have in view can now be undertaken with fifty per cent. less cash than would have been necessary in 1875.—Current.

—High chimneys for factories are now becoming unnecessary, by reason of the introduction of a new kind of oven. Any manufacturer, it is asserted, can place one of these ovens in his works and obtain from every ton of slack he uses coke worth two dollars, tar and ammonia worth one dollar, and 14,000 feet of gas to generate steam. The coke, tar and ammonia will thus, it is claimed, considerably more than pay for slack, wear and tear, etc.—N. Y. Sun.

—Prof. J. W. Sanborn, of the Missouri State Agricultural College, and also Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, estimates the losses of stock in that State during the last winter, from disease and exposure, at not less than four millions of dollars. The principal loss by diseases has been from cholera in hogs and from exposure from want of proper shelter.

—From disease, he states, could generally have been prevented by proper attention to diet and from exposure wholly by providing suitable shelter.

—In nearly every railway station in London is a small box on legs, painted crimson, which may be called an automatic post-office. It is divided into two compartments. On the top are apertures admitting a penny, one being for postal cards and the other for envelopes. You drop a penny through the slot and open a little drawer beneath, and presto, you find a postal card. Drop two pennies in the right hand slot, open a corresponding drawer, and you find a stamped envelope containing a dainty sheet of note paper. These little conveniences are the property of a company.

—A Litchfield County (Conn.) correspondent of the Hartford Courant, writing of manners and customs in that region fifty years ago, says that "common people didn't own stoves then; they rented them of the rich for twenty-five cents a month. Dr. Catlin, of Litchfield, had quite a number that he rented. We well remember seeing him staff around for miles to collect stove rent. There were no clocks in school-houses; the teachers had noon marks on the window-sill; when the sun struck the mark it was noon; if cloudy they guessed noon. There were clocks in but families in those days."

—Several marriageable young men of Rochester, N. H., are in a terrible pickle. They have heretofore given as a reason for not marrying that they could not afford the luxury. About a month ago several marriageable young ladies put their heads together and prepared a document proving conclusively that families of from two to six (they provided for the future, you see) can live well and still retain a modesty.

A Nation of Skaters.

Holland is the paradise of skaters, its highways being canals that are covered with ice nearly half the year. The ladies there go shopping on skates, boys skate to and from school, older members of the family go to church on skates, the postman delivers his letters and the doctor visits patients on them, and even the solemn pastor moves on skates when he visits his parishioners. Dairymaids skate to town with full pails of milk, of which not a drop is spilled, and farmers' daughters skate to villages with a full basket of eggs in each hand. During the Spanish invasion several victories were won by the native soldiers, who, on skates, suddenly moved on the forces of Alva, and as quietly retired to their own camp. For a period of more than four hundred years the soldiers have been trained to perform evolutions on skates.—Exchange.

## CLOTHING.

### LUCAS ZIHLMAN OF COLBY K'S.

Has a full stock of clothing,

### BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS.

HE SELLS CHEAP FOR CASH.

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### SMITH, WALKER & CO.

COLBY, KANSAS,

Keep a full stock of

### DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, PAINTS AND OILS,

PATENT MEDICINES, &c

Call And See Them.

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Keep a complete stock of everything usually kept in a first class

### General Store!

CONSISTING OF

### FROM A 5 CENT CALICO TO A SILK.

And in boots and shoes we take the lead in the Northwest, having just received 1000 pairs bought in Boston for cash and will be sold at the lowest living prices.

### Groceries, Flour, Feed, Etc.

### CASH STORE.

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### ALL KINDS OF LUMBER

AT REASONABLE RATES.

### LATH, Shingles, Sash, Blinds, Doors, Lime.

### COAL ON HANDS.

### CHICAGO LUMBER CO.

SAPPA

### Hardware Store

AND IMPLEMENT HOUSE.

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Leavenworth ...